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OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCUSTOMED TIMES OF PRAYER.

AT all times and in all places to give thanks and praise unto Almighty GOD, our heavenly FATHER, with all manner of devout prayer and supplication, is no more than our very meet, right, and bounden duty. But inasmuch as the common employments of most, and the natural infirmities of all sorts of people, be so great, that, whiles they have this body of flesh upon them, they cannot possibly attend the heavenly exercise of prayer and thanksgiving without any intermission at all, it hath therefore been the custom of religious and godly persons in all ages, to appoint themselves certain set times and *hours* of the day, wherein to perform their devotions[a]. By which means it came to pass that, as other careless people spent the whole day either in their own affairs or pleasures, these men bestowed it, or the chief and more eminent parts of it at least, in the affairs and service of GOD[b].

They that understood CHRIST'S parable so as if "men ought always to pray[c]," and to do nothing else, mistook the matter, and were put into the catalogue of heretics for their labour[d]. They, on the other side, that went about to take away all set times of prayer,

[a] S. Basil. in Reg. Int. 37. [b] S. Chrysost., Hom. 59, ad pop. Antioch. [c] S. Luke xviii. 1. [d] S. Aug. de Hæres. i. 57, et Epist. 121, ad Prob.

to maintain their affected liberty, and to do it only when they list, have deserved no less blame, and incurred no milder censure[e]. Wise men have gone an even path, and, expounding the Scripture for continual prayer by the continual practice of the Church, have neither one way nor other offered any violence to devotion.

The practice, then, of old hath been, so to keep up prayer that men might keep up themselves withal. *Three* times a-day to perform this duty[f], and otherwhiles *seven* times a-day to do it[g], was King David's sacred resolution; but *three* times a-day, howsoever, "at *evening*, and *morning*, and at *noonday*," was his custom to pray, and that "instantly," in solemn and devout manner. After him the great Prophet of God that lived in Babylon accustomed himself to kneel upon his knees, and in his chamber to pray *three times* a-day towards Jerusalem (saith the story), "as he was always wont to do[h]."

From which holy examples it afterwards came to pass that what was by them so religiously observed under the Law, *three times* a-day (at least) to offer prayers and thanksgiving to Almighty God, besides the *morning* and the *evening* sacrifice[i], was by Christians as piously continued and practised under the Gospel also; both Jews and Christians being in this duty but equal servants to the same Trinity, the God both of Law and Gospel. "It is from the Prophet Daniel (saith S. Cyprian) that we Christians have our *third*, our *sixth*, and our *ninth*

[e] Isid. de Eccles. Off., lib. i. cap. 22. [f] Psalm lv. 17. [g] Psalm cxix. 164. [h] Daniel vi. 10. [i] Num. xxviii. 4; Isid. Etym., lib. vi., c. ult.

hour of prayer, which we duly observe in reverence of the Blessed TRINITY[k]."

Besides these (such was the ardour of ancient piety), they added yet more[l], and, as well in imitation of King David's holy resolutions before mentioned, as also in honour of those times, which the special actions of GOD and of our SAVIOUR had, in a manner, made sacred unto them, they augmented their hours of prayer (saith that old godly Father), and made their devotions more frequent and fervent than they were before.

Such are these Hours and prayers that hereafter follow; which be not now set forth for the countenancing of their novelties that put any trust in the bare recital only of a few prayers, or place any virtue in the bead-roll, or certain number of them, at such and such set hours; but for the hearty imitation of that ancient and Christian piety, to whom the distinction of hours was but an orderly and useful, no superstitious or wanton, performance of their duties.

And surely so small a part of our time taken up from other common actions, if not perhaps from doing ill or doing nothing, and so small a task, though but voluntarily imposed upon ourselves for GOD'S service, will never undo us, nor ever prove to be an abridgment of our Christian liberty who say our delight is to be numbered with the saints of old[m], and profess every day that GOD'S service is perfect freedom[n].

[k] S. Cypr. de Orat. Dom. in fine. [l] S. Ambr., lib. iii. de Virgin. [m] In the Te Deum. [n] In the 2nd Collect for Morning Prayer.

DEVOTIONS, &c.

Each Service may begin thus :—

COME, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee.

℣. Let us go three days' journey into the wilderness,

℟. That we may sacrifice unto the LORD our GOD.

Let us pray.

Our FATHER, &c.

℣. O LORD, open Thou our lips.

℟. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

℣. O GOD, make speed to save us.

℟. O LORD, make haste to help us.

Then, all standing up.

℣. Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

℟. As it was in the beginning, &c.

℣. Praise ye the LORD.

℟. The LORD'S Name be praised.

HYMN. Veni CREATOR,

which may be sung or said in this place, unless it be used to precede any Address or Meditation at this Service.

COME, HOLY GHOST, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing SPIRIT art,
Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd Unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of Thy grace.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home :
Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the FATHER, SON,
And Thee, of Both, to be but One.

That, through the ages all along
This may be our endless song ;
Praise to Thy eternal merit,
FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

First Hour.

For beginning of Service see p. 1.

As long as I live will I magnify Thee on this manner, and lift up my hands in Thy Name.

PSALM cxix. (1—32.)

Beati immaculati.

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies : and seek Him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness : walk in His ways.

Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep Thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep Thy statutes.

So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

I will thank Thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the *judgments* of Thy righteousness.

I will keep Thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

In quo corriget?

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after Thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought Thee : O let me not go wrong out of Thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O LORD : O teach me Thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgments of Thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of Thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of Thy commandments : and have respect unto Thy ways.

My delight shall be in Thy statutes : and I will not forget Thy Word.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Retribue servo tuo.

O DO well unto Thy servant : that I may live, and keep Thy word.

Open Thou mine eyes : that I may see the wondrous things of Thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth : O hide not Thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire : that it hath alway unto Thy judgments.

Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from Thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept Thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me : but Thy servant is occupied in Thy statutes.

For Thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Adhæsit pavimento.

MY soul cleaveth to the dust : O quicken Thou me according to Thy Word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and Thou heardest me : O teach me Thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of Thy commandments : and so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness : comfort Thou me according unto Thy Word.

Take from me the way of lying : and cause Thou me to make much of Thy law.

I have chosen the way of truth : and Thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto Thy testimonies : O LORD, confound me not.

I will run the way of Thy commandments : when Thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

As long as I live will I magnify Thee on this manner, and lift up my hands in Thy Name.

The Lesson out of the Proverbs of Solomon, and the Psalter.

THE fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. If sinners entice thee, consent thou not. These six things doth the LORD hate,

yea, seven are an abomination unto Him : A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin : but he that refraineth his lips is wise. Fear thou the LORD and the king, and meddle not with them that are given to change. Keep innocency, and do the thing that is right, for that will bring a man peace at the last.

℣. Thy testimonies are my delight, O LORD, and my counsellors.

℟. O give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

Let us pray.

I. GRANT us, gracious LORD, a pure intention of heart, and a stedfast regard to Thy glory in all our actions. Possess our mind continually with Thy Presence, and fill it with Thy love, that our only delight may be, to be safe in the arms of Thy protection.

II. Be Thou a light unto our eyes, music to our ears, sweetness to our taste, and a full contentment to our heart. Be Thou our sunshine in the day, our food at the table, our repose in the night, our clothing in nakedness, and our succour in all necessities.

III. LORD JESU, we give Thee our body, our soul, our substance, our fame, our friends, our liberty, and our life : dispose of us, and of all that is ours, as it seemeth best to Thee, and to the glory of Thy blessed Name.

IV. We are not now our own, but Thine. Therefore claim us as Thy right, keep us as Thy charge, and love us as Thy children. Fight for us when we are assaulted, heal us when we are wounded, and revive us when we are destroyed.

V. O LORD our GOD, we beseech Thee to give us patience in troubles, humility in comforts, constancy in temptations, and victory over all our ghostly enemies. Grant us sorrow for our sins, thankfulness for Thy benefits, fear of

Thy judgments, love of Thy mercies, and mindfulness of Thy Presence for evermore.

VI. Make us humble to our superiors, and friendly to our equals: make us ready to please all, and loth to offend any: make us loving to our friends, and charitable to our enemies.

VII. Give us modesty in our countenance, gravity in our behaviour, deliberation in our speech, holiness in our thoughts, and righteousness in all our actions. Let Thy mercy cleanse us from our sins, and let Thy grace bring forth in us the fruits of everlasting life.

VIII. Let us be joyful for nothing but that which pleaseth Thee; nor sorrowful for anything but that which doth displease Thee. Let any labour be our delight which is for Thee: and let all rest weary us which is not in Thee.

IX. Give us a waking spirit and a diligent soul, that we may seek to know Thy will, and when we know it truly, may perform it faithfully, to the honour and glory of Thy ever-blessed Name. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, the immortal, invisible, and only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Third Hour.

For beginning of Service *see p.* 1.

Shew Thy servant the light of Thy countenance, and save me for Thy mercy's sake.

PSALM cxix. (33—80.)

Legem pone.

TEACH me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

O stablish Thy Word in Thy servant : that I may fear Thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for Thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in Thy commandments : O quicken me in Thy righteousness.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Et veniat super me.

LET Thy loving mercy come also unto me, O LORD : even Thy salvation, according unto Thy Word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : for my trust is in Thy Word.

O take not the word of Thy truth utterly out of my mouth : for my hope is in Thy judgments.

So shall I alway keep Thy law : yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty : for I seek Thy commandments.

I will speak of Thy testimonies also, even before kings : and will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in Thy commandments : which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto Thy commandments, which I have loved : and my study shall be in Thy statutes.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Memor esto servi tui.

O THINK upon Thy servant, as concerning Thy word : wherein Thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble : for Thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrinked from Thy law.

For I remembered Thine everlasting judgments, O LORD : and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake Thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon Thy Name, O LORD, in the night-season : and have kept Thy law.

This I had : because I kept Thy commandments.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Portio mea, Domine.

THOU art my portion, O LORD : I have promised to keep Thy law.

I made my humble petition in Thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to Thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep Thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : but I have not forgotten Thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee : because of Thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear Thee : and keep Thy commandments.

The earth, O LORD, is full of Thy mercy : O teach me Thy statutes.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Bonitatem fecisti.

O LORD, Thou hast dealt graciously with Thy servant : according unto Thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed Thy commandments.

Before I was troubled,

went wrong : but now have I kept Thy word.

Thou art good and gracious : O teach me Thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep Thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in Thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn Thy statutes.

The law of Thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Manus tuæ fecerunt me.

THY hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in Thy word.

I know, O LORD, that Thy judgments are right : and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let Thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to Thy word unto Thy servant.

O let Thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for Thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me : but I will be occupied in Thy commandments.

Let such as fear Thee, and have known Thy testimonies : be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in Thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Shew Thy servant the light of Thy countenance, and save me for Thy mercy's sake.

The Lesson.

Ephes. vi. 13—18.

WHEREFORE take unto you the whole armour of GOD, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteousness; and your

feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of GOD: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

℣. The LORD be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who [as about this hour] didst instruct, and replenish the hearts of Thy faithful servants, by sending down upon them the light of Thy HOLY SPIRIT: Grant us by the same SPIRIT to have a right judgment in all things, that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through the merits of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who was also at this hour contented to receive the bitter sentence of death for us, and now liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same blessed SPIRIT, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Fountain of all goodness, and the Well-spring of Divine graces, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us, being born in sin, by water and the HOLY GHOST, in the blessed laver of Baptism, thereby receiving us into the number of Thine elect children, and making us heirs of everlasting life, in the communion of Thy glorious saints: strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O LORD, with that blessed SPIRIT of Thine, the Ghostly Comforter; and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fulfil us, O LORD, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, even through Him Who hath sent down the SPIRIT upon His Church, JESUS CHRIST, our LORD. *Amen.*

℣. The LORD's Name be praised.

℟. From the rising up of the sun, unto the going down thereof.

℣. Let us bless the LORD.

℟. Thanks be to GOD.

The LORD bless us and keep us: the LORD make His face to shine upon us: the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Sixth Hour.

For beginning of Service *see p.* 1.

GOD forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

PSALM cxix. (81—128.)

Defecit anima mea.

MY soul hath longed for Thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of Thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for Thy word : saying, O when wilt Thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget Thy statutes.

How many are the days of Thy servant : when wilt Thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me : which are not after Thy law.

All Thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely; O be Thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not Thy commandments.

O quicken me after Thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of Thy mouth.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

In æternum, Domine.

O LORD, Thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : Thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to Thine ordinance : for all things serve Thee.

If my delight had not been in Thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget Thy commandments : for with them Thou hast quickened me.

I am Thine, O save me : for I have sought Thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider Thy testimonies.

I see that all things come

to an end : but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Quomodo dilexi!

LORD, what love have I unto Thy law : all the day long is my study in it.

Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers : for Thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged : because I keep Thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep Thy word.

I have not shrunk from Thy judgments : for Thou teachest me.

O how sweet are Thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

Through Thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Lucerna pedibus meis.

THY word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep Thy righteous judgments.

I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O LORD, according to Thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please Thee, O LORD : and teach me Thy judgments.

My soul is alway in my hand : yet do I not forget Thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from Thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil Thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Iniquos odio habui.

I HATE them that imagine evil things : but Thy law do I love.

Thou art my defence and shield : my trust is in Thy word.

Away from me, ye wicked: I will keep the commandments of my GOD.

O stablish me according to Thy word, that I may live: and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe: yea, my delight shall be ever in Thy statutes.

Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from Thy statutes: for they imagine but deceit.

Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross: therefore I love Thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee: and I am afraid of Thy judgments.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Feci judicium.

I DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right: O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make Thou Thy servant to delight in that which is good: that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for Thy health: and for the word of Thy righteousness.

O deal with Thy servant according unto Thy loving mercy: and teach me Thy statutes.

I am Thy servant, O grant me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies.

It is time for Thee, LORD, to lay to Thine Hand: for they have destroyed Thy law.

For I love Thy commandments: above gold and precious stone.

Therefore hold I straight all Thy commandments: and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

GOD forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

The Lesson.

Phil. ii. 5—11.

LET this mind be in you, which was also in CHRIST JESUS; Who, being in the form of GOD, thought it not robbery to be equal with GOD, but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and

was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore GOD also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the Name of JESUS every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that JESUS CHRIST is LORD, to the glory of GOD the FATHER.

℣. The LORD is my shepherd; therefore shall I lack nothing.

℟. He shall lead me in a green pasture, and bring me forth beside the waters of comfort.

℣. The LORD be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

Then the following Prayers.

O MOST gracious JESUS, our LORD and our GOD, Who as at this Hour didst bear our sins in Thine Own Body on the Tree, that we, being dead *to sin,* might live unto righteousness: have mercy upon us we beseech Thee, both now and at the hour of our death; and grant unto us, Thy humble servants, with all other Christian people, that have this Thy Blessed Passion in devout remembrance, a godly and peaceful life in this present world, and, through Thy grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, Thou livest and reignest, ever One GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

O THOU true Light, That lightest every man that cometh into the world; do Thou in Thy mercy touch the hearts and lighten the understandings of all who are here gathered to prepare for the more perfect fulfilment of Thy will: that they may readily acknowledge and cheerfully obey all that Thou wouldst have them believe and practise, to the benefit of Thy Holy Church, and their own salvation. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL JESU, Who didst bear Thy Cross for us, help us to take up our cross daily and follow Thee. *Amen.*

O THOU Who wast lifted up for us, draw us unto Thee, that we may love Thee better for Thy exceeding love to us: LORD, we love Thee; help Thou our want of love. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, make us to bear in our bodies the marks of the LORD JESUS by a pure, and holy, and chastened life. *Amen.*

GRANT us, gracious LORD, a pure intention of heart, and a stedfast regard to Thy glory in all our actions. Possess our minds continually with Thy presence, and fill them with Thy love, that our only delight may be to be safe in the arms of Thy protection; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Bishop.

℣. Behold, O LORD our Defender.

℟. And look upon the Face of Thine Anointed.

O GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of Thy faithful servants, look down in mercy on Thy servant N. our Bishop, to whom Thou hast given charge over this Diocese, and evermore guide, defend, comfort, sanctify, and save him; and grant him by Thy grace so to advance in word and good example, that he may, with the flock committed to him, attain to everlasting life; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Clergy.

℣. Let Thy Priests be clothed with righteousness.

℟. And Thy saints sing with joyfulness.

MOST merciful FATHER, we beseech Thee to send Thy heavenly blessing upon the Ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also to Thy people grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of their salvation: that in all our words and deeds we may together seek Thy glory and the increase of Thy kingdom; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Parish.

℣. O think upon Thy Congregation.

℟. Whom Thou hast purchased and redeemed of old.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant unto this Parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy Truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind, within the fold of Thy holy Church, to the honour and glory of Thy blessed SON, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

O FATHER of lights, with Whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning; may the light of Thy Truth drive away all darkness of error; may the fire of Thy love burn up all sinful affections; and may the path of Thy servants be as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

℣. The LORD'S Name be praised.

℟. From the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

℣. Let us bless the LORD.

℟. Thanks be to GOD.

℣. May our LORD of His mercy grant unto us, with all the faithful, rest and peace. *Amen.*

Ninth Hour.

For beginning of Service *see p.* 1.

And now, LORD, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in Thee.

PSALM cxix. (129—176.)

Mirabilia.

THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

When Thy word goeth forth: it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath: for my delight was in Thy commandments.

O look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy Name.

Order my steps in Thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men: and so shall I keep Thy commandments.

Shew the light of Thy countenance upon Thy servant: and teach me Thy *statutes.*

Mine eyes gush out with water: because men keep not Thy law.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Justus es, Domine.

RIGHTEOUS art Thou, O LORD: and true is Thy judgment.

The testimonies that Thou hast commanded: are exceeding righteous and true.

My zeal hath even consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.

Thy word is tried to the uttermost: and Thy servant loveth it.

I am small, and of no reputation: yet do I not forget Thy commandments.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and Thy law is the truth.

Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me: yet is my delight in Thy commandments.

The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting: O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Clamavi in toto corde meo.

I CALL with my whole heart: hear me, O LORD, I will keep Thy statutes.

Yea, even unto Thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto Thee: for in Thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night-watches: that I might be occupied in Thy words.

Hear my voice, O LORD, according unto Thy loving-kindness: quicken me according as Thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me: and are far from Thy law.

Be Thou nigh at hand, O LORD: for all Thy commandments are true.

As concerning Thy testimonies, I have known long since: that Thou hast grounded them for ever.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Vide humilitatem.

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me: for I do not forget Thy law.

Avenge Thou my cause, *and deliver me: quicken me, according to Thy* word.

Health is far from the ungodly: for they regard not Thy statutes.

Great is Thy mercy, O LORD: quicken me, as Thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me: yet do I not swerve from Thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the transgressors: because they keep not Thy law.

Consider, O LORD, how I love Thy commandments: O quicken me, according to Thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting: all the judgments of Thy righteousness endure for evermore.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Principes persecuti sunt.

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of Thy word.

I am as glad of Thy word: as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them: but Thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise Thee: because of Thy righteous judgments.

Great is the peace that they have who love Thy law : and they are not offended at it.

LORD, I have looked for Thy saving health : and done after Thy commandments.

My soul hath kept Thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept Thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before Thee.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Appropinquet deprecatio.

LET my complaint come before Thee, O LORD : give me understanding, according to Thy word.

Let my supplication come before Thee : deliver me, according to Thy word.

My lips shall speak of Thy praise : when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of Thy word : for all Thy commandments are righteous.

Let Thine hand help me : for I have chosen Thy commandments.

I have longed for Thy saving health, O LORD : and in Thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee : and Thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : O seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

And now, LORD, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in Thee.

The Lesson.

Eph. v. 1, 2 ; Rom. xii. 1, 2.

BE ye followers of GOD, as dear children ; and walk in love, as CHRIST also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to GOD for a sweet-smelling savour. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto GOD, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world.

℣. The LORD is my shepherd ; therefore shall I lack nothing.

℟. He shall lead me in a green pasture, and bring me forth beside the waters of comfort.

℣. The LORD be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

HEAR us, O LORD, and remember now that hour in which Thou didst once commend Thy blessed spirit into the hands of Thy Heavenly FATHER: when, with a torn body and a broken heart, Thou didst shew forth the greatness of Thy mercy, and die for us. We beseech Thee, O Thou Brightness and Image of GOD, so to assist us by this Thy most precious death, that being dead unto the world, we may live only unto Thee; and at the hour of our departing from this mortal life, we may commend our souls into Thy hands, and Thou mayest receive us into life immortal, there to reign with Thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who of Thy tender love towards mankind has sent THY SON, our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer *death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great* humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection, through the same JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O LORD. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Conversion of Sinners.

℣. O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end.

℟. But guide Thou the just.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for all such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee: that Thou wouldest bestow upon them true contrition, and an earnest desire for Thy service; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Perseverance of the Faithful.

℣. O Lord, guide them with Thy counsel.

℟. And after that receive them with glory.

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, O LORD, to strengthen and confirm all Thy faithful servants, and to lift them up more and more continually to heavenly desires; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Sick and Dying.

℣. Make Thou all their bed in their sickness.

℟. And support them in Thine everlasting arms.

O GRACIOUS LORD JESU, Who didst vouchsafe to die upon the Cross for us; remember, we beseech Thee, all sick and dying persons; and grant that they may omit nothing which is necessary to make their peace with Thee before they die. Deliver them, O LORD, from the malice of the devil, and from all sin and evil, and grant them a happy end: for Thy loving mercy's sake. *Amen.*

℣. The LORD'S Name be praised.

℟. From the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

℣. Let us bless the LORD.

℟. Thanks be to GOD.

May our LORD of His mercy grant unto us, with all His faithful servants, rest and peace; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Final Prayer.

THE LORD Almighty grant us a quiet night, and a perfect end. ℟. *Amen.*

St. Mark xiii. 35.

WATCH ye, therefore; for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning.

℣. Our help is in the Name of the LORD.

℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

CONFESSION,

To be said by all together.

WE confess to Thee, ALMIGHTY GOD, the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY GHOST, that we have this day sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; through our fault, through our own fault, through our own grievous fault. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful FATHER; for Thy SON our LORD JESUS CHRIST's sake forgive us all that is past; *and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life,* to the honour and glory of Thy Name, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

To be said by the Priest only.

May the Almighty GOD have mercy upon us, pardon all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. ℟. *Amen.*

Our FATHER, &c.

℣. Turn Thou us, O GOD our SAVIOUR.

℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.

℣. O GOD, make speed to save us.

℟. O LORD, make haste to help us.

Then, all standing up;

℣. Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

℟. As it was in the beginning, &c.

℣. Praise ye the LORD.

℟. The LORD's Name be praised.

Thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name; leave us not.

PSALM iv.

Cum invocarem.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righte-

ousness : Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also, that the LORD hath chosen to Himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the LORD, He will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say : Who will shew us any good?

LORD, lift Thou up : the light of Thy Countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart : since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is Thou, LORD, only That makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the FATHER, *&c.*

PSALM xxxi. *In te, Domine, speravi.*

IN Thee, O LORD, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Bow down Thine Ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

And be Thou my strong Rock, and House of defence : that Thou mayest save me.

For Thou art my strong Rock, and my Castle : be Thou also my Guide, and lead me for Thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me : for Thou art my Strength.

Into Thy Hands I commend my spirit : for Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, Thou GOD of Truth.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

PSALM xci. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the LORD, Thou art my Hope, and

my Strong-hold : my GOD, in Him will I trust.

For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe under His feathers : His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

For Thou, LORD, art my Hope : Thou hast set Thine House of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His Angels charge over thee : *to keep thee in all thy ways.*

They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known My Name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him My Salvation.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

PSALM cxxxiv. *Ecce nunc benedicite.*

BEHOLD now, praise the LORD : all ye servants of the LORD.

Ye that by night stand in the House of the LORD : even in the courts of the House of our GOD.

Lift up your hands in the Sanctuary : and praise the LORD.

The LORD That made

heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

Thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name; leave us not.

The Lesson.

2 S. Pet. iii. 10, 11.

THE day of the LORD will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing, then, that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?

℣. Keep me, O LORD, as the apple of an eye.

℟. Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

Nunc dimittis.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation.

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

I believe in GOD the FATHER Almighty, &c.

℣. The LORD be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
CHRIST, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.

Our FATHER, &c.

℣. Blessed art Thou, O LORD GOD of our fathers.

℟. And praised for evermore.

℣. Let us bless the FATHER, and the SON, and the HOLY GHOST.

℟. Let us praise and exalt Him for ever.

℣. Blessed art Thou, O LORD, in the firmament of Heaven.

℟. Greatly to be praised and glorified, and highly exalted for ever.

℣. The Almighty and Merciful LORD bless and protect us.

℟. Amen.

℣. Vouchsafe, O LORD,

℟. To keep us this night without sin.

℣. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest:

℟. For it is Thou, LORD, only that makest me dwell in safety.

℣. Have mercy upon us, O LORD.

℟. Have mercy upon us.

℣. O LORD, let Thy mercy be shewed upon us.

℟. As we do put our trust in Thee.

℣. LORD, hear our prayer.

℟. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O LORD; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

Here may follow the Hymn,

Te lucis ante terminum.

NOW that the daylight dies away,
Ere we lie down and sleep,
Thee, Maker of the world, we pray,
To own us and to keep.

Let dreams depart and visions fly,
The offspring of the night:
Keep us as shrines beneath Thine Eye,
Pure in our foe's despite.

This grace on Thy redeem'd confer.
FATHER, co-equal SON,
And HOLY GHOST, the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One.
Amen.

Or any other Hymn.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy Church; that it, being delivered from all adversities and errors, may serve Thee in safety and freedom; and give peace in our time; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL JESUS, Who, when Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, didst not abhor the Virgin's womb; vouchsafe evermore to dwell in the hearts of us Thy servants; inspire us with Thy purity; strengthen us with Thy might; make us perfect in Thy ways; guide us into Thy truth; and unite us to Thyself and to Thy whole Church by Thy Holy Mysteries; that we may conquer every ad-

verse power, and may be wholly devoted to Thy Service, and conformed to Thy Will; to the glory of GOD the FATHER. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL LORD, Who of Thine abundant goodness towards us hast made the day to labour in, and ordained the night wherein to take our rest: grant us such rest of body, that we may continually have a waking soul, to watch for the time when our LORD shall appear to deliver us from this mortal life. Let no vain or wandering fancy trouble us: let our ghostly enemy have no power over us; but let our minds be set wholly upon Thy Presence, to love, and fear, and rest in Thee alone: that being refreshed with a moderate and sober sleep, we may rise up again with cheerful strength and gladness, to serve Thee in all good works; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

℣. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

℟. For Thou hast redeemed it, O LORD, Thou GOD of Truth.

℣. The LORD'S Name be praised.

℟. From the rising up of the sun, unto the going down thereof.

Save us, O LORD, while waking, and defend us while sleeping; that when we are awake we may watch with CHRIST, and when we sleep we may rest in peace. *Amen.*

THE Almighty and Merciful LORD, the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY GHOST, bless us and keep us, now, and for evermore.

℟. *Amen.*

The following Prayers may be used, if desired, at any Service.

I.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who didst say to Thine Apostles, "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile," for there were many coming and going; Grant, we beseech Thee, to Thy servants now gathered together, to rest awhile at this present time with Thee. May they so seek Thee, Whom their souls desire to love, that they may both find Thee and be found of Thee. And grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in Thy Name that they may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading us onward through the toils of our pilgrimage, to that rest which remaineth to the people of GOD; where, nevertheless, they rest not day and night from Thy perfect service, Who, with the FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT, *livest and reignest ever one* GOD, *world without end. Amen.*

II.

IN the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we give thanks to Thee, O LORD of all. And we beseech Thee that our prayer may be set forth in Thy sight as the incense. Let not our hearts be inclined to any word or thought of evil, but deliver us from all who lay wait for our souls. For unto Thee, O LORD GOD, we lift up our eyes, and in Thee do we put our trust. Let us not be confounded, but sanctify us through the merits and mediation of Thy SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

III.

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; mercifully grant that Thy HOLY SPIRIT may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

IV.

O HOLY and Eternal JESUS, Thou great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, send down upon Thy servants, the Bishops and Pastors of Thy Church, Thy heavenly blessing. Give them the spirit of wisdom and holiness, patience and charity, zeal and watchfulness, that they may faithfully declare Thy will, boldly rebuke vice, rightly and duly administer Thy Holy Sacraments, and intercede with Thee acceptably for Thy people. Support and comfort them under all suffering and opposition for the cause of Thy truth; and grant that, after turning many to righteousness, they may shine as the stars for ever and ever: for Thy tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

HYMNS.

Holy Communion.

1. "Wisdom saith, Come eat of My bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled."

DRAW nigh and take the Body of the LORD,
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.

Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,
With souls refreshed, we render thanks to GOD.

Salvation's Giver, CHRIST, the Only SON,
By His dear Cross and Blood the victory won.

Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim, and Himself the Priest.

Victims were offered by the law of old,
Which in a type this heavenly mystery told.

He, Ransomer from death, and Light from shade,
Now gives His holy grace His saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the safeguard of salvation here.

He, that His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;

With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Alpha and Omega, to Whom shall bow
All nations at the Doom, is with us now. Amen.

2. "My Flesh is meat indeed, and My Blood is drink indeed."

O GOD, unseen yet ever near,
Thy Presence may we feel;
And, thus inspired with holy fear,
Before Thine Altar kneel.

Here may Thy faithful people know
  The blessings of Thy love,
The streams that through the desert flow,
  The manna from above.

We come, obedient to Thy Word,
  To feast on heavenly Food;
Our meat the Body of the LORD,
  Our drink His precious Blood.

Thus may we all Thy Word obey,
  For we, O GOD, are Thine;
And go rejoicing on our way,
  Renewed with strength Divine. Amen.

3. "He that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me."

JESU, gentlest SAVIOUR,
  Thou art in us now,
Fill us with Thy Goodness,
  Till our hearts o'erflow.

Multiply our graces,
  Chiefly love and fear,
And, dear LORD, the chiefest,
  Grace to persevere.

Oh, how can we thank Thee
  For a Gift like this,
Gift that truly maketh
  Heaven's eternal bliss!

Ah! when wilt Thou always
  Make our hearts Thy home?
We must wait for heaven;
  Then the day will come. Amen.

Morning.

4. "Early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee."

NOW that the daylight fills the sky,
  We lift our hearts to GOD on high,
That He, in all we do or say,
Would keep us free from harm to-day.

May He restrain our tongues from strife,
And shield from anger's din our life,
And guard with watchful care our eyes
From earth's absorbing vanities.

O may our inmost hearts be pure,
From thoughts of folly kept secure,
And pride of sinful flesh subdued
Through sparing use of daily food.

So we, when this day's work is o'er,
And shades of night return once more,
Our path of trial safely trod,
Shall give the glory to our GOD.

All praise to GOD the FATHER be,
All praise, Eternal SON, to Thee,
Whom with the SPIRIT we adore
For ever and for evermore. Amen.

Mid-day.

5. "He ruleth by His power for ever."

O GOD, Who canst not change nor fail,
Yet rul'st each change that passes by,
Whose brightness gilds the morning pale,
Whose fires light up the mid-day sky;

Quench Thou the fire of hate and strife,
That wasting fever of the heart;
From perils guard our feeble life,
And to our souls Thy peace impart.

Grant this, O FATHER, Only SON,
And HOLY SPIRIT, GOD of grace,
To Whom all glory, Three in One,
Be given in every time and place. Amen.

Afternoon.

6. "O look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me.

AS now the sun's declining rays
Towards the eve descend,
So life's brief day is sinking down
To its appointed end.

LORD, on the Cross Thine Arms were stretched
  To draw Thy people nigh;
O grant us then that Cross to love,
  And in those Arms to die.

All glory to the FATHER be,
  All glory to the SON,
All glory, HOLY GHOST, to Thee,
  While endless ages run. Amen.

Evening.

7. "Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night."

BEFORE the ending of the day,
  Creator of the world, we pray
That Thou with wonted love wouldst keep
Thy watch around us while we sleep.

O let no evil dreams be near,
Nor phantoms of the night appear;
Our ghostly enemy restrain,
Lest aught of sin our bodies stain.

Almighty FATHER, hear our cry
Through JESUS CHRIST our LORD most High,
Who with the HOLY GHOST and Thee
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

8. "He shall defend thee under His wings."

GLORY to Thee, my GOD, this night
  For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings,
Beneath Thine own Almighty wings.

Forgive me, LORD, for Thy dear SON,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make
To serve my GOD when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.

Praise GOD, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, Angelic host,
Praise FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST. Amen.

For the Clergy.

9. "He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of CHRIST."

O THOU Who makest souls to shine
With light from lighter worlds above,
And droppest glistening dew Divine
On all who seek a Saviour's love;

Do Thou Thy benediction give
On all who teach, on all who learn,
That so Thy Church may holier live,
And every lamp more brightly burn.

Give those who teach pure hearts and wise,
Faith, hope, and love, all warmed by prayer;
Themselves first training for the skies,
They best will raise their people there.

Give those who learn the willing ear,
The spirit meek, the guileless mind;
Such gifts will make the lowliest here
Far better than a kingdom find.

O bless the shepherd; bless the sheep;
That guide and guided both be one.
One in the faithful watch they keep,
Until this hurrying life be done.

If thus, Good LORD, Thy grace be given,
In Thee to live, in Thee to die,
Before we upward pass to heaven,
We taste our immortality. Amen.

10. "Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness."

LORD, pour Thy SPIRIT from on high,
And Thine ordainèd servants bless;
Graces and gifts to each supply,
And clothe Thy Priests with righteousness.

Within Thy Temple when they stand,
To teach the truth as taught by Thee,
SAVIOUR, like stars in Thy right hand,
Let all Thy Church's Pastors be.

Wisdom, and zeal, and faith impart,
Firmness with meekness, from above,
To bear Thy people in their heart,
And love the souls whom Thou dost love:

To watch, and pray, and never faint,
By day and night their guard to keep,
To warn the sinner, cheer the saint,
To feed Thy lambs, and tend Thy sheep.

So, when their work is finished here,
May they in hope their charge resign;
So, when their Master shall appear,
May they with crowns of glory shine. Amen.

11. "Arise, He calleth thee."

BEHOLD the Master passeth by!
Oh, seest thou not His pleading eye?
With low sad voice He calleth thee—
'Leave this vain world and follow Me.'

O soul, bowed down with harrowing care,
Hast thou no thought for heaven to spare?
From earthly toils lift up thine eye:—
Behold the Master passeth by!

One heard Him calling long ago,
And straightway left all things below,
Counting his earthly gain as loss
For Jesus and His blessèd Cross.

That "Follow Me" his faithful ear
Seemed every day afresh to hear,
Its echoes stirred his spirit still,
And fired his hope, and nerved his will.

God gently calls us every day:
Why should we then our bliss delay?
He calls to heaven and endless light:
Why should we love the dreary night?

Praise, LORD, to Thee for Matthew's call,
At which he rose and left his all:
Thou, LORD, e'en now art calling me:—
I will leave all, and follow Thee. Amen.

The Passion.

12. "That rock was CHRIST."

ROCK of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the Water and the Blood,
From Thy riven Side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See Thee on Thy Judgment Throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee. Amen.